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In Re Application Of: **V. KANKAANPAA** : Confirmation No.: **6927**
Serial No.: **10/088,539** : Examiner: **Marc S. ALVO**
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Title: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROCESSING PULP**

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LETTER ACCOMPANYING RCE

Sir:

The accompanying Request for Continued Examination is being filed for purposes of having the Amendment In Response to Final Official Action considered by the Examiner in the prosecution of the present application.

Please note that the Advisory Action mailed on January 6, 2005 states that the Amendment in Response to Final Official Action raises new issues with regard to the amended claims, with reference to the reply filed on "February 20, 2004". The Amendment in Response to Final Official Action was mailed on December 16, 2004 and was received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 20, 2004, not February 20, 2004. Applicant's attorney spoke to Examiner Alvo on

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January 11, 2005 noting this error and Examiner Alvo requested that we make note of it when we filed the Request for Continued Examination.

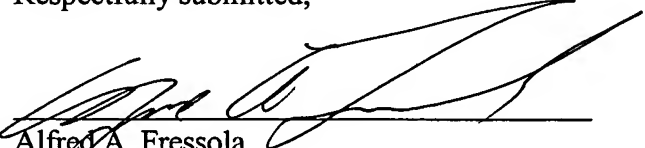
Similarly, applicant's attorney noted to Examiner Alvo that the continuation of paragraph 2 submitted in the Advisory Action states that "the deleting of the term 'impeller' from the specification raises the issue of new matter." Applicant's attorney respectfully disagrees with that assertion since the amendment to the specification at pages 2 and 5, as set forth in the Amendment in Response to Final Official Action, was simply to bring the language of the specification back to that as originally filed in view of the Examiner's assertion in the final Official Action of October 20, 2004 that applicant's earlier amendment (filed on July 2, 2004) had proposed amending the specification to indicate that the term "running wheel" as used in the originally filed specification meant an "impeller." Therefore, since the amendment to the specification made in the Amendment in Response to Final Official Action was simply to bring the language of the specification back to that as originally filed, it is not seen how this could in any way constitute an issue concerning new matter.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the Request for Continued Examination is in proper form and early examination and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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